

DAMAGE BY STORMS

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A Large Territory in the West Swept by Wind and Rainstorms in the Past Few Days.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 8.—Reports of damage by storm during the past three days come from a large territory and show that the entire eastern watershed of the Rocky mountains from the Nebraska and Iowa lines to Texas was affected. Friday night the severest blow came. The reports of loss of life and destruction of property came with every telegram, and the down-pour, first regarded as a blessing, grew into a wave of devastation. Fields of grain were being leveled, and the reports of loss of life and destruction of property came with every telegram, and the down-pour, first regarded as a blessing, grew into a wave of devastation.

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The loss in property can be placed in the millions. Dwellings, fences and farm buildings were carried off and highways and railroad bridges swept away. Thirty of the bridges crossing the river at Winona, Mo., were destroyed. At Baxter Springs, Mo., five residences, a church and a school were destroyed. In Russell, Mo., a school was destroyed. At St. Louis, Mo., a school was destroyed. At St. Louis, Mo., a school was destroyed.

Reports of damage to property other than those noted above are as follows: In Kansas, nine in Missouri, six in Arkansas and two in Indian Territory. The storm spent itself in Illinois, where it did little damage, proved a blessing to crops.

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Press Dispatches Carried by the Long-Distance Telephone.

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The Western Union telegraph lines as well as those of the Postal and Chicago & Milwaukee telegraph companies were prostrated to such an extent that, aside from the telephone, railroad trains were the best substitute available to move the staggering accumulation of commercial messages and press dispatches.

From about 6 o'clock Sunday evening all through the night, the telegraph offices seemed utterly helpless to straighten out confusion and wreck. So apparently inextricable was the tangle that matter offered to the Western Union outside points for the recovery of the points north was returned to the senders, and to the protest of the wires.

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